

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Application for increase in water and  
wastewater rates in Orange County by  
Pluris Wedgefield, LLC

Docket No. 20230083-WS

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**NOTICE OF FILING AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING,  
CORPORATE UNDERTAKING, AND GUARANTEE**

Pluris Wedgefield, LLC, by and through its undersigned attorneys, hereby gives notice of filing the Affidavit of Mailing of the combined Initial Customer Notice and Interim Rate Notice, copies of which are attached to the Affidavit of Mailing, to all customers of the Utility. Pluris Wedgefield, LLC, by and through its undersigned attorneys, also hereby gives notice of filing of its corporate undertaking, and guarantee by Pluris Capital Group, LLC, also attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted this 27<sup>th</sup> day of  
December, 2023, by:

Dean Mead  
420 S. Orange Ave., Suite 700  
Orlando, Florida 32801  
Direct Telephone: (407) 310-2077  
Facsimile: (407) 423-1831

/s/ Martin S. Friedman

Martin S. Friedman

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished by

E-mail to the following parties this 27<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023:

Walt Trierweiler, Esquire  
Octavio Simoes-Ponce, Esquire  
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c/o The Florida Legislature  
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Tallahassee, FL 32399-1400  
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Jennifer Crawford, Esquire  
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*/s/ Martin S. Friedman*  
Martin S. Friedman

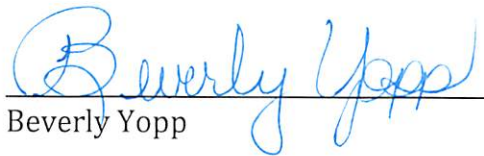
AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF ONSLOW


Before me, the undersigned authority, authorized to administer oaths and take acknowledgments, personally appeared Beverly Yopp, Director, Customer Care, who attests that on December 19, 2023, Pluris Wedgefield, LLC, ("Utility"), did cause to be sent by regular U.S. Mail, a copy of the Combined Initial Customer and Interim Rate Notice, attached hereto, to all customers of the Utility.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.

  
Beverly Yopp

Sworn to and subscribed before me by means of  physical presence or  online notarization this 20 day of December, 2023, by Beverly Yopp, Director, Customer Care of Pluris Wedgefield, LLC, who is personally known to me.



  
Print Name: Erica D Gandy  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
My Commission Expires: September 1, 2025

**Pluris Wedgefield, LLC PSC Order Notice to Customers Mailing**



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Dec 20, 2023

Pluris Holdings LLC  
Ms. Beverly Yopp  
Director, Customer Care  
Post Office Box 297  
Hampstead, NC 28443

Re: Pluris Wedgefield PSC Order Notice to Customers Mailing

Beverly,

PMSI delivered the Pluris Wedgefield PSC Order Notice to Customers mailing to the Westgate post office in Raleigh, NC on December 19, 2023.

Sincerely,

Tony Giuli  
Project Manager  
Professional Mail Services, Inc.  
2012 TW Alexander Drive Suite C1  
Durham, NC 27709

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

**COMBINED INITIAL CUSTOMER NOTICE  
AND  
NOTICE OF INTERIM RATE INCREASE**

TO THE CUSTOMERS OF  
PLURIS WEDGEFIELD, LLC  
AND  
ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS

RE: DOCKET NO. 20230083-WS

APPLICATION FOR INCREASE IN WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES IN  
ORANGE COUNTY BY PLURIS WEDGEFIELD, LLC

DATED: December 18, 2023

**BACKGROUND**

Pluris Wedgefield, LLC (the “Utility”) is a water and wastewater utility whose offices are located at 5950 Berkshire Lane, Suite 800, Dallas, TX 75225. The Utility’s water and wastewater facilities are located in Orange County, Florida.

On September 22, 2023, the Utility filed an application with the Florida Public Service Commission (the “Commission”) for an increase in its water and wastewater rates to its customers in Orange County based on an historical test year ending December 31, 2022. Final rates and interim rates are based upon the same test year. The application is assigned Docket No. 20230083-WS and October 26, 2023, was established as the official date of filing.

The Utility is requesting a rate increase because the existing rates do not provide sufficient revenues to cover the required expenses of operations on a going-forward basis and an opportunity to earn a fair return on the Utility’s investment in used and useful property for the public use, and to replace aging infrastructure. The rate of return on equity requested in this proceeding is 9.00%. The overall rate of return requested is 8.12%. According to the Utility’s books, Pluris Wedgefield, LLC states that its adjusted current overall rate of return without a rate increase is negative for both its water and wastewater systems. The Utility’s last full rate proceeding and review of rate base was in Docket No. 20120152-WS, utilizing a test year ending December 31, 2011, which culminated in Order No. PSC-2013-0187-PAA-WS, issued May 2, 2013.

The Utility has incurred substantial additional operating costs and capital investment. Copies of the MFRs, the Rate Case Synopsis, and the Utility’s application are available for inspection on the Florida Public Service Commission website at: <https://www.psc.state.fl.us/clerks-office-dockets-level2?DocketNo=20230083&TabNumber=5>

**INTERIM RATES**

On December 5, 2023, the Florida Public Service Commission approved interim water and wastewater rate increases for Pluris Wedgefield, LLC. The interim rates will be effective five (5) days after the date of this Notice. The interim rates will be collected subject to refund, pending the Florida Public Service Commission’s final decision regarding final rates. If a refund is ordered, it will include interest based upon Commission determined factors.

The current water and wastewater rates, the Utility’s requested interim water and wastewater rates, the Utility’s requested final water and wastewater rates and the Commission approved interim water and wastewater rates are attached to this Notice. The final water and wastewater rates are subject to change based on information gathered at the customer meeting, further Staff review, and the final decision by the Commissioners.

### **SERVICE AVAILABILITY CHARGES**

The Utility is not requesting any changes to its service availability charges. Even though not requested to do so, the Commission may review and adjust service availability charges.

### **PROCEDURES AFTER CUSTOMER MEETINGS**

The following tentative schedule was established by the Commission for the remaining major events in the Utility’s rate case (a customer meeting will be scheduled and you will be provided with a separate notice of its date, time and location):

<b><u>Schedule Item</u></b>	<b><u>Due Date</u></b>
Staff’s PAA Recommendation	March 21, 2024
Agenda Conference on PAA Rates	April 2, 2024
PAA Order Issued	April 22, 2024
Protest Period Expires	May 10, 2024
Consummating Order if no Protest	May 15, 2024

### **HOW TO CONTACT THE COMMISSION**

Any person who wishes to comment or provide information to Commission staff may do so at the meetings, either orally or in writing. Other written comments regarding the Utility and the proposed rates, or requests to be placed on the mailing list for this case, may be directed to this address:

Florida Public Service Commission  
Director, Office of Commission Clerk  
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0870

A courtesy copy of written comments and complaints is not required, but may be mailed or emailed (preferred) to the following:

Martin S. Friedman, Esquire  
Dean Mead  
420 S. Orange Ave., Suite 700  
Orlando, Florida 32801  
[mfriedman@deanmead.com](mailto:mfriedman@deanmead.com)

All correspondence should refer to “Docket No. 20230083-WS, Pluris Wedgefield, LLC”. Your letter will be placed in the correspondence file of this docket. You may also submit comments through the Florida Public Service Commission’s toll-free facsimile line at 1-800-511-0809, or the Commission’s website available at <http://floridapsc.com/ConsumerAssistance/ComplaintForm>.

Complaints may also be made by phone to the Office of Consumer Assistance and outreach at 1-800-342-3552, submitted through the Public Service Commission's toll-free facsimile line at 1-800-511-0809, or the Commission’s website available at: <http://www.floridapsc.com/consumers/complaints/index2.aspx>

This notice was prepared by the Utility and approved by Commission staff for distribution by the Utility to its customers. If you have any questions, please call the Utility’s office at 888-758-7471.

Pluris Wedgefield, LLC

WATER RATES

	Utility Current Rate	Utility Requested Interim Rates	Utility Requested Final Rates	Staff Recommended Interim Rates
<b>Residential Service</b>				
<b>Base Facility Charge by Meter Size</b>				
5/8"X3/4"	\$28.10	\$41.03	\$47.12	\$35.30
3/4"	\$42.16	\$61.55	\$70.68	\$52.95
1"	\$70.26	\$102.58	\$117.80	\$88.25
1-1/2"	\$140.52	\$205.16	\$235.60	\$176.50
2"	\$224.84	\$328.27	\$376.96	\$282.40
3"	\$449.68	\$656.53	\$753.92	\$564.80
4"	\$702.62	\$1,025.83	\$1,178.00	\$882.50
6"	\$1,405.25	\$2,051.67	\$2,356.00	\$1,765.00
<b>Gallonage Charge - Residential Service</b>				
0 - 5,000 Gallons	\$8.86	\$12.94	\$14.86	\$11.13
5,001 - 10,000 Gallons	\$11.01	\$16.07	\$18.46	\$13.83
Over 10,000 Gallons	\$16.52	\$24.12	\$27.70	\$20.75
<b>General and Irrigation Service</b>				
<b>Base Facility Charge by Meter Size</b>				
5/8"X3/4"	\$28.10	\$41.03	\$47.12	\$35.30
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6"	\$1,405.25	\$2,051.67	\$2,356.00	\$1,765.00
8"	\$2,528.88	\$3,692.16	\$4,240.80	\$3,177.00
<b>Charge per 1,000 gallons - General Service and Irrigation</b>	\$10.00	\$14.60	\$16.77	\$12.56
<b><u>Typical Residential 5/8" x 3/4" Meter Bill Comparison</u></b>				
2,000 Gallons	\$45.82	\$66.91	\$76.84	\$57.56
4,000 Gallons	\$63.54	\$92.79	\$106.56	\$79.82
8,000 Gallons	\$105.43	\$153.94	\$176.80	\$132.44



WASTEWATER RATES

	Utility Current Rate	Utility Requested Interim Rates	Utility Requested Final Rates	Staff Recommended Interim Rates
<b>Residential Service</b>				
Base Facility Charge - All Meter Sizes	\$31.21	\$45.57	\$46.19	\$38.42
Charge Per 1,000 gallons 8,000 gallon cap	\$4.57	\$6.67	\$6.76	\$5.63
<b>General Service</b>				
Base Facility Charge by Meter Size				
5/8" x 3/4"	\$31.21	\$45.57	\$46.19	\$38.42
3/4"	\$46.81	\$68.34	\$69.29	\$57.63
1"	\$78.01	\$113.89	\$115.48	\$96.05
1-1/2"	\$156.03	\$227.80	\$230.95	\$192.10
2"	\$249.64	\$364.47	\$369.25	\$307.36
3"	\$499.29	\$728.96	\$692.85	\$614.72
4"	\$780.14	\$1,139.00	\$1,154.75	\$960.50
6"	\$1,560.28	\$2,278.01	\$2,309.50	\$1,921.00
8"	\$2,808.69	\$4,100.69	\$4,157.10	\$3,457.80
Charge per 1,000 gallons	\$5.46	\$7.97	\$8.08	\$6.72
<b><u>Typical Residential 5/8" x 3/4" Meter Bill Comparison</u></b>				
2,000 Gallons	\$40.35	\$58.91	\$59.71	\$49.68
4,000 Gallons	\$49.49	\$72.25	\$73.23	\$60.94
8,000 Gallons	\$67.77	\$98.93	\$100.27	\$83.46



December 7, 2023

Adam Teitzman, Commission Clerk  
Office of Commission Clerk  
Florida Public Service Commission  
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850


RE: Docket No. 20230083-WS; Application for an increase in water and wastewater rates in Orange County by Pluris Wedgefield, LLC

Dear Mr. Teitzman:


As required by the Commission, this is Pluris Capital Group, LLC's guarantee of Pluris Wedgefield, LLC's Corporate Undertaking in the amount of \$444,181, for the purpose of guaranteeing potential refunds of increased water and wastewater revenues collected under interim rates as approved by Commission action to be taken on December 5, 2023, in the above-referenced Docket.

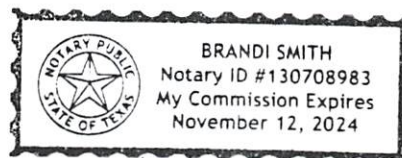
Very truly yours,

Pluris Capital Group, LLC

By:   
Maurice Gallarda, Manager

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me by means of  physical presence or  online notarization, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of December 2023, by Maurice Gallarda as Manager of Pluris Capital Group, LLC, who is personally known to me.

  
Notary Public  
Printed Name: Brandi Smith  
My Commission Expires: 11/12/2024





December 7, 2023

Adam Teitzman, Commission Clerk  
Office of Commission Clerk  
Florida Public Service Commission  
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850


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Very truly yours,

Pluris Wedgefield, LLC

By:   
Maurice Gallarda, Authorized Signer

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me by means of  physical presence or  online notarization, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of December 2023, by Maurice Gallarda as Authorized Signer of Pluris Wedgefield, LLC, who is personally known to me.

  
Notary Public  
Printed Name: Brandi Smith  
My Commission Expires: 11/12/2024

